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1. On 20 August 1946 following news item appeared in the "Chung Shan Jih Pao":
"The Southeast News Agency founded by CHANG Chien-chin and LI Shang-huan has
been established in Canton. The purpose of establishment is to report news and
maintain liaison between overseas Chinese and the mother country."
2. Following is the background of the formation of the Southeast News Agency:
The Kwangtung Shunte Sugar Mill under the management of YEH Kung-wu (公武)
faithful follower of Governor LO Cho-ying, 羅卓英 and appointed manager
of the mill by LO) resumed operations about October 1945. Sugar cane is
bought by the mill from the farmers at an authorized rate of five and one-half
catties of brown sugar in exchange for one picul of sugar cane. But to date,
the mill has been paying only five catties of sugar per picul of cane; the
remaining half catty is deducted by the mill for "gifts" to high government
officials. Thus the term 'kung-li-tang' (公禮糖, government gift sugar)
came into existence. Governor LO and General CHANG Pa-kuei are said to have
received shares of this "gift".
3. About three months ago, the Ta Kuang Pao and several other Chinese newspapers
in Canton began to criticize the Shunte Sugar Mill for the deduction of the
'kung-li-tang'. The mill and some high officials, including Governor LO, paid
large sums of money to the papers in order to keep them quiet.
4. Governor LO, feeling that something more should be done to have the newspapers
on his side, decided to form his own news agency. Governor LO financed the
agency with his share of the 'kung-li-tang' from the Shunte Sugar Mill. Hence
about 20 August 1946 the Southeast News Agency was established and CHANG Chien-chin
(張劍琴), secretary of the Shunte Sugar Mill, was appointed by Governor LO
to act as manager of the agency.
5. It began to furnish news items to various papers in the city in the middle of
October. Since then there has been no adverse criticism of the Shunte Sugar
Mill and Governor LO in the local Canton press.

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